

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators \(51-8031\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Pump Operators, Except Wellhead Pumpers \(53-7072\)](#)

[Compare Knowledge](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 76

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Mechanical	6.8	15.0	14.8	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Public Safety and Security	6.9	12.7	12.7	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Production and Processing	6.0	11.3	10.8	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Operation Monitoring	6.6	12.3	11.9	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation and Control	5.4	10.0	11.4	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	8.4	10.3	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Troubleshooting	4.5	7.9	9.3	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Repairing	3.4	7.5	9.0	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	7.1	9.3	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Perceptual Speed	7.4	11.8	9.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Auditory Attention	5.9	10.1	6.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Rate Control	3.8	8.3	5.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Response Orientation	4.0	7.9	6.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Dynamic Strength	3.5	6.8	4.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	6.7	7.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Wrist-Finger Speed	3.2	6.0	5.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Glare Sensitivity	2.6	5.3	4.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 94

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Clean equipment or machinery	20
Collect samples for testing	58
Inspect machinery or equipment to determine adjustments or repairs needed	42
Load or unload material or workpiece into machinery	34
Maintain production or work records	19
Monitor production machinery/equipment operation to detect problems	27
Operate power driven pumps	66
Operate water treatment equipment	95
Test materials or solutions	73
Use hand or power tools	2
Use laboratory equipment	60

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies

Exclusivity

Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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